

The State Bar of California
Workers' Compensation Section Presents

“A DAY WITH THE RATERS”:

HOW TO USE THE
AMA GUIDES AND THE
NEW PD SCHEDULE

July 14, 2007

Universal City Hilton
555 Universal Hollywood
Universal City, CA 91608
(818) 506-2500

July 28, 2007

Concord Hilton
1970 Diamond Boulevard
Concord, CA 94520
(925) 827-2000

Seven Hours MCLE &
Legal Specialization Credits
Program includes 7 hours of
MCLE and legal specialization
credits, program materials,
continental breakfast and
lunch. MCLE Credit

REGISTER ONLINE

www.calbar.ca.gov/workerscomp

Attendees are
encouraged to bring
their AMA Guides to
the program for
maximum benefit.

*Seating is Limited.
Register Early!*

*The State Bar of California and the Workers' Compensation Section
are approved State Bar of California MCLE providers.*

SPEAKERS:

Blair Megowan, Disability Evaluation Unit Manager

Annalisa Faina, Disability Evaluation Unit Supervisor (Northern California)

Tess Snaer, Disability Evaluation Supervisor (Southern California)

Barry Knight, Disability Evaluation, Bakersfield

Program Schedule

8:00 A.M. – 9:00 A.M.

Registration

9:00 A.M. – 10:00 A.M.

Did you know that there are thirteen ways to evaluate the lower extremities? Raters from the State of California's Disability Evaluation Unit will provide a step-by-step analysis for rating lower extremity injuries under the AMA Guides. Participants will learn how to spot errors in medical reports and how to combine factors for accurate lower extremity ratings.

10:15 A.M. – 11:00 A.M.

Breakout Session with assistance from expert DEU raters

Attendees will use their AMA Guides and 2005 Schedule for Rating Permanent Disabilities, to rate a medical report on a complex lower extremity injury, with one-to-one assistance from DEU raters.

11:15 A.M. – Noon

DEU raters will summarize issues raised during the first two sessions and will answer questions regarding lower extremity ratings.

Noon – 1:00 P.M.

Lunch—View from the Bench

Speaker: Universal City (July 14, 2007) – Commissioner Jim Cuneo

Concord (July 28, 2007) – PWCJ Ken Peterson

1:00 P.M. – 2:00 P.M.

During the afternoon session, the DEU raters will focus on rating upper extremity impairments. The focus will be on how to avoid problem areas that cause inaccurate ratings.

2:15 P.M. – 3:00 P.M.

Breakout Session with assistance from expert DEU raters

Attendees will use their AMA Guides and the new schedule, along with the skills and techniques learned in previous sessions, to solve a series of upper extremity rating problems, with one-to-one assistance from DEU raters.

3:15 P.M. – 4:30 P.M.

DEU raters will review the upper extremity rating hypotheticals and will discuss how to resolve overlap and duplication issues and how to accurately combine lower extremity factors. Time will be reserved for questions from the audience.

CANCELLATIONS/REFUND POLICY:

Cancellation and requests for refunds must be received in writing at least 5 working days before the program date.

QUESTIONS:

For registration information call (415) 538-2508. Telephone registration will not be accepted. For program content and/or Section information call (415) 538-2256.

ON-SITE:

On-Site registration will be on a space available basis. Call to confirm space availability.

SPECIAL ASSISTANCE:

For special assistance, please call (415) 538-2256 or TDD for speech and hearing impaired (415) 538-2231.

AUDIO TAPES:

Audio tapes of the program will be available with a complete set of written materials from Versa Tape. To order, please call 1-800-468-2737.

For optimum benefit please bring your
AMA Guides and 2005 PDRS to the program.

Workers' Compensation Section of the State Bar of California

Registration Form

Note: One form per registrant. Photocopies may be used.

Choose Location

☐ July 14, 2007 at Universal City Hilton

☐ July 28, 2007 at Concord Hilton

Bar # _____ ☐ Applicant Attorney ☐ Defense Attorney ☐ Judge

Name _____

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Address _____

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Program package includes 7 hours of MCLE and legal specialization credits, program materials, continental breakfast and lunch.

Pre-Registration Fees

☐ Workers' Comp. Section Members\$195

☐ Non-Section Members\$260

Includes enrollment in the Workers' Compensation Section for 2007

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****On-site Registration Fees are \$220 for Section Members and \$285 for Non Section Members****

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